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Task Team V - Biographics

Working Group on Name Searching Activities

Minutes of the Third Meeting, 9 June 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

ARMY - Mr. Paul Anderson, Chairman
FBI - Mr. Earl McCoy
CSC - Mr. Pearley G. Buck
I&NS - Mr. John L. Keefe
CSS - Mr. Robert M. Landau, Secretary

Others Present

Mr. George H. Seatterday, FBI
Lt. Col. Edmund M. Manning, Air Force
Major Russel S. Keen, Air Force
Dr. Eli Flyer, Air Force
MR. [REDACTED] CIA
Mr. [REDACTED] CIA
Lt. Col. Thornton E. Ireland, DoD
Mr. Marvin E. Van Dera, Navy
Mr. William J. Urick, Navy

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing Dr. Eli Flyer of the Human Reliability Factors Laboratory at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Dr. Flyer has been working, for the last year or so, on the methods by which information is obtained about people on which background investigations are being run. He set forth the thesis that in many cases, it might be useful to utilize the individual and close relatives as good sources of information. He indicated that they ran a test on admitted psychiatric cases through the Form 398 clearance procedure. Results showed that sixty per cent of the cases did not disclose the disqualifying fact of a psychiatric problem. His group is

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presently punching IBM cards on 5,000 cases for detailed analysis concerning such items as degree of reliability of the information submitted on the forms as compared to subsequent performance of the individual. They have already identified certain groups, eighty per cent of which later got into trouble, and other groups in which as low as three per cent later got into trouble. It was pointed out that all the subjects are young airmen.

2. The speaker suggested that multi-level investigations might be more broadly used with profit to the investigative unit. He cited the case of a nearby Air Force Base Security Unit which buys an inexpensive credit check on each case, then weeds out the obvious ineligibles and then proceeds with the background investigations. There has never been a record of a case of any trouble, or security turn down of any of those that were given background investigations. The implied question, of course, was then why have a background investigation? The credit check was good enough.

3. Throughout the presentation, Dr. Flyer was careful to point out the significant difference between suitability requirements and loyalty requirements and the methods, subjects and techniques associated with these two different requirements. He pointed out that many types of cases might profitably be expanded. In speaking to the function of the Form 398 (Application for DoD Security Clearance) the speaker considered the various aspects such as investigative requirements, re-production, substantive questions, etc. He pointed out that some questions are either missing or very weak on the form. Some of these include the subject of psychiatric problems, school suspension and credit condition. The speaker pointed out that he felt that the individual

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owes society the full information about his background, since the request for employment is a voluntary one.

4. The Team was next provided a briefing by Lt. Col. Thonton E. Ireland, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower Security Policy, on recent developments in DoD regarding certain actions to be taken in the name check business within DoD in the near future. On 27 May 1965, Secretary McNamara signed a memorandum to the services indicating that he had approved certain recommendations resulting from an analysis of the DoD personnel security program. (Those who desire a copy of this memorandum and the attached 22 recommendations can obtain them from the CODIB Support Staff) The recommendations of importance to this Task Team which were discussed by Lt. Col. Ireland included numbers 6, 18, 19 and 20.

5. Recommendation 6 will require all enlisted personnel reporting for basic training in the Army and Navy to be given a national agency check as the Air Force is now doing. This will increase the NAC program by approximately 400,000 checks each year.

6. Recommendation 18 was "that a central index of DoD investigations be established". Lt. Col. Ireland explained that the present indexes of the OSI, Air Force, central records facility at Holabird and the ONI security records will be combined.

7. Recommendation 19 was "that DoD investigative files be co-located". This means that the security files of the three services, to be maintained by the respective services will be placed in the same building as the new central index in a building nearby.

8. Recommendation 20 was "that a central national agency check processing center be established". This means that all of the name checks now being processed by the three services will be combined into a single operation.

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9. The memorandum further stated that all the actions on these recommendations should be completed by May 1966. Lt. Col. Ireland ^{his} pointed out that ~~XX~~ office is now endeavoring to evaluate the responses of the services as to how to implement these recommendations and that a site has not been chosen for any of these, yet. ~~One~~ ^{It} has been determined that it is desirable to have the site for all three of these activities ~~be~~ in the same building or complex of buildings somewhere in the Washington area. This will be decided in the next few weeks. Additionally it has been determined that the central index will be automated and that plans for automation will proceed concurrently with plans for the centralization of the indexes. The NAC center may be run by an executive agent or a joint service operation. This also will be decided in the near future.

10. Lt. Col. Ireland indicated that the following tentative plan of ~~XXXX~~ procedures is being considered:

A. Have Navy and the Air Force commence sending IBM cards to Holabird on certain important categories of cases: *specifically as:*

- (1) security type derogatory information,
- (2) dishonorable discharges,
- (3) medical cases,

(These records from 1952 to present will be sent.)

B. Determine the site location of all three activities

C. Integrate the indexes

D. Co-locate the files

E. determine who will run and then establish the NAC center

F. automation design for the index will run concurrently with all ^{of the} above. *Contractors for this are now being considered.*

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11. Considerable discussion of a variety of ^{subjects} problems ensued after Lt. Col. Ireland's ^{presentation} ~~presentation~~. Such ^{included} subjects as budgeting problems, ~~XXX~~ conversion problems, merging of IBM cards of differing formats into IBM decks like that in Holabird.

12. The members of the Team indicated that this development would have a ^{notable} special impact on the direction of some of its activities within the next few months. It was agreed, however, that the present activity set in motion by the various Team members to determine the time of response of the various agencies ^{is useful and} should continued. The Secretary raised the observation made by the Task Team V Chairman that it might be wise to obtain information concerning the time that it takes the sample ^{requests} costs to move from the original requestor to the point ^{at} which the request leaves the agency and the equivalent time in the reverse direction after the NAC answers has ^{be returned} written to the requesting agency. The point was considered by the working group and it was decided to obtain the results of the test cases already in the mill before ~~we~~ ^{initiate requests for this information.} tackled this second problem.

13. Because of prolonged periods of absence of some of the working group members, it was agreed to hold the next meeting in early August when all members will have returned and when the results of the sample checks would be in.

Robert M. Landau
Secretary

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